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Dear General Bolling:

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 30, 1950, advising that a secure teletype circuit is ready for operation among the intelligence agencies of Army, Navy, Air, and the CIA.

The Department concurs in your suggestion that its intelligence organization be connected on the teletype circuit and appreciates the agreement whereby the Department of the Army will loan the necessary equipment and the CIA will pay the cost of its installation and operation.

Space has been arranged for the teletype in a secure area in State Annex 1, 401 - 23d Street, N. W. It is my understanding that the teletype is now being installed and that the operation of the circuit will commence on or about Tuesday, July 11.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) W. PARK ARMSTRONG, JR.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. W. PARK ARMSTRONG, JR., SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR
RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Secure Teletype Circuit for Washington Intelligence Agencies

1. The subject of this memorandum has been discussed informally by Mr. Killoa of your office and Mr. McKee from this office.

2. A secure teletype circuit is currently ready for operation among the intelligence agencies of Army, Navy and Air and the CIA. Connecting OIR of the Department of State with the Army station of the circuit would also connect OIR with the other three agencies currently ready for the operation of the circuit. It is hoped that this inclusion of OIR in the circuit can be effected at an early date.

3. The secure teletype circuit of the intelligence agencies is intended primarily for the secure exchange of fact, opinion, and operational data by the intelligence agencies. The OIR station of the teletype circuit normally would not be operated outside the hours of 0900 to 1730 on weekdays and would not be operated on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. It is not proposed to have the intelligence circuit replace the command channels which already exist on a 24-hour basis throughout the year for the transmission of crises and other operational messages to and from the Department of State.

4. The Department of the Army is prepared to furnish the Department of State with the necessary equipment on a loan basis, and CIA has agreed to pay the cost of installation and operation.

5. Your assent to the installation of the machinery for the inclusion of OIR in the 5-point secure teletype circuit and for the subsequent operation of the machine in accordance with the conditions set forth above is requested.

S/ A. R. Bolling
Major General, GSC
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